



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3889

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a longitudinal study of the vocational rehabilitation programs administered by the Secretary

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
on April 30, 2008*

H.R. 3889 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct a longitudinal study of vocational rehabilitation programs that would track veterans' participation and educational and employment outcomes for at least 20 years. VA also would be required to submit an annual report on the study. Based on information from VA, CBO estimates that designing the study and the survey instruments and implementing the study would cost about \$350,000 in 2009 and \$1 million over the 2009-2013 period, assuming appropriation of the estimated amounts. Enacting the bill would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3889 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no cost on state, local, or tribal governments.

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